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Cultivation of Betel Leaves

6947. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VARMA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the betel leaf growers are adversely affected because of non-import of betel leaves by Pakistan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to explore new international markets; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefit of research on betel leaves reach these growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Government have not received any adverse report that betel leaf growers are affected because of non-import of betel leaves by Pakistan.

(c) The Government have intensified research under All India Coordinated Research Programme on betel leaves through ICAR institutes and State Agricultural Universities to solve the problems regarding betel leaves. The technology is being transferred through demonstration, extension and

technical bulletins

Telephone Connections in Aligarh District of Uttar Pradesh

6948. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh since 1988 till date, category-wise,

(b) the number of telephone connections released during the above period, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the action being taken by the Government to provide telephone connections to the applicants; and

(d) the number of public telephone booths set up in Aligarh district during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). The information is given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

(a) The number of persons of the waiting list for telephone connections in Aligarh District of Uttar Pradesh since 1988 till 31.7.1991 category-wise;

Waiting list as on

CATEGORY	31.3.88	31.3.89	31.3.90	31.3.91	31.7.91
OYT	43	92	8	5	2
Non-OYT Special	190	354	87	46	51
Non-OYT General	780	1396	1083	1719	1414

(b) The number of telephone connections released during last three years, year-wise and category-wise is as follows:-

CATEGORY	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
OYT	81	266	178
Non-OYT Special	5	594	232
Non-OYT General	28	1157	1074

(c) During this year (1991-92), two exchanges in Aligarh district are proposed to be expanded. These are the telephone exchanges of Aligarh and Hathras by 1200 lines and 500 lines respectively. This would cover most of the waiting list. The remaining waiting list is expected to be cleared by March, 1993.

(d) During the last three years in Aligarh district 127 public telephones have been set up out of which 6 were STD booths and 38 long distance public telephones.

S.T.D. Public Telephone Booths in Uttar Pradesh

6949. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD public telephone booths proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92;

(b) the number of applications for allotment of such booths pending in the State;

(c) the number of post offices in the State, where such facilities are proposed to be made available during 1991-92; and

(d) the number of applications from Azamgarh and Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh pending for allotment of STD public telephone booths and how many of them are likely to be allotted booths during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 800.

(b) 550.

(c) Nil.

(d) The information is as follows:-

	Applications pending	Likely to be allotted during 1991-92
Azamgarh District (UP)	35	13
Mau District (UP)	10	3